

36. (New) The prosthesis of claim 35 wherein the stent is a braided stent.

37. (New) The prosthesis of claim 33 wherein the coating comprises about 25-45 weight percent of the biologically active material.

38. (New) An expandable stent having a tubular metal body having open ends and a sidewall structure having openings therein, wherein the stent comprises a coating which covers at least a portion of the stent, wherein the coating comprises silicone incorporating heparin, and wherein the average particle size of the heparin is equal to or less than about 15 μm and wherein the coating adheringly conforms to the sidewall structure to preserve the openings therein when the stent is expanded.

END
AG
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50

REMARKS

Claims 24-38 appear in the present application. Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice. The new claims have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. It is believed that no new matter has been added by these amendments. In particular, support for claims 24-38 can be found in the specification at pages 7, 9, 12, 20-21 and in Figures 7 and 8.

Favorable consideration of Applicants' claimed invention is respectfully solicited. No fee is believed due for this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fee be required, please charge the required amount due to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 4, 2002

Gidon D. Stern *by Gidon D. Stern*
Gidon D. Stern 27,469
(Reg. No.)

PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP
1155 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036-2711
(212) 790-9090